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For : FLUORESCENT PROBE FOR ZINC

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Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir :

This is in response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 having a mailing date of September 28, 2007, which sets a one month shortened statutory period for response until October 28, 2007.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for five months to extend the period for response until March 28, 2008, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for five months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason, the formal request for extension of time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or or any fee is needed to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application and authorization to charge any required fee, including any required extension of time or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested in view of the remarks which follow: